MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

roperty Name: Wright's Adventure (Fox H	(all Farm)	Inventory Number:	T-384
Address: 29701 Backtown Road		Historic district:	yes X no
City: Trappe	Zip Code: 21673	County: Talbot	
USGS Quadrangle(s): Trappe			
Property Owner: c/o Hilda Jane Groves, 41	48 Main St., Trappe, MD	Tax Account ID Number	:
Tax Map Parcel Number(s):	Tax Map N	umber: 55	
Project: Talbot Trappe East Spray Irrigation	System Ag	ency: MDE	
Agency Prepared By: Paul Baker Touart			
Preparer's Name: Paul B. Touart		Date Prepared:	1/15/2005
Documentation is presented in:			
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation:	Eligibility recommend	led X Eligib	ility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D	Considerations: A	B C D	E F G
Complete if the property is a contr	ibuting or non-contributing reso	urce to a NR district/propert	y:
Name of the District/Property:		1972 5.00	
Inventory Number:	Eligible:	_yes Listed: _	yes
ite visit by MHT Staf yes	no Name:		Date:
Property Description: Wright's Adventure, more commonly known a in Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, with the gable roof oriented on an east/west a storage shed. Built around 1880, the two-story, three-bay, c exterior is clad with aluminum siding over pla Attached to the east gable end is a contempor while the storage shed is located to the norther Statement of Significance:	chree-bay, single-pile frame hous xis. The house is joined on the s enter hall plan frame dwelling is xin weatherboards. The medium aneous two-story frame service v	e, located at the end of a long ite by a frame well house and supported on a brick pier for pitched gable roof is covered	a farm lane, faces south a dilapidated frame andation and the with asphalt shingles.
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Eligibility recommended E	ligibility not recommended	<	
Criteria: A B C D	Considerations: A	BCD	EFG
Criteria: A B C D MHT Comments: Undibringui	shed example of	a Common buil	ling type.
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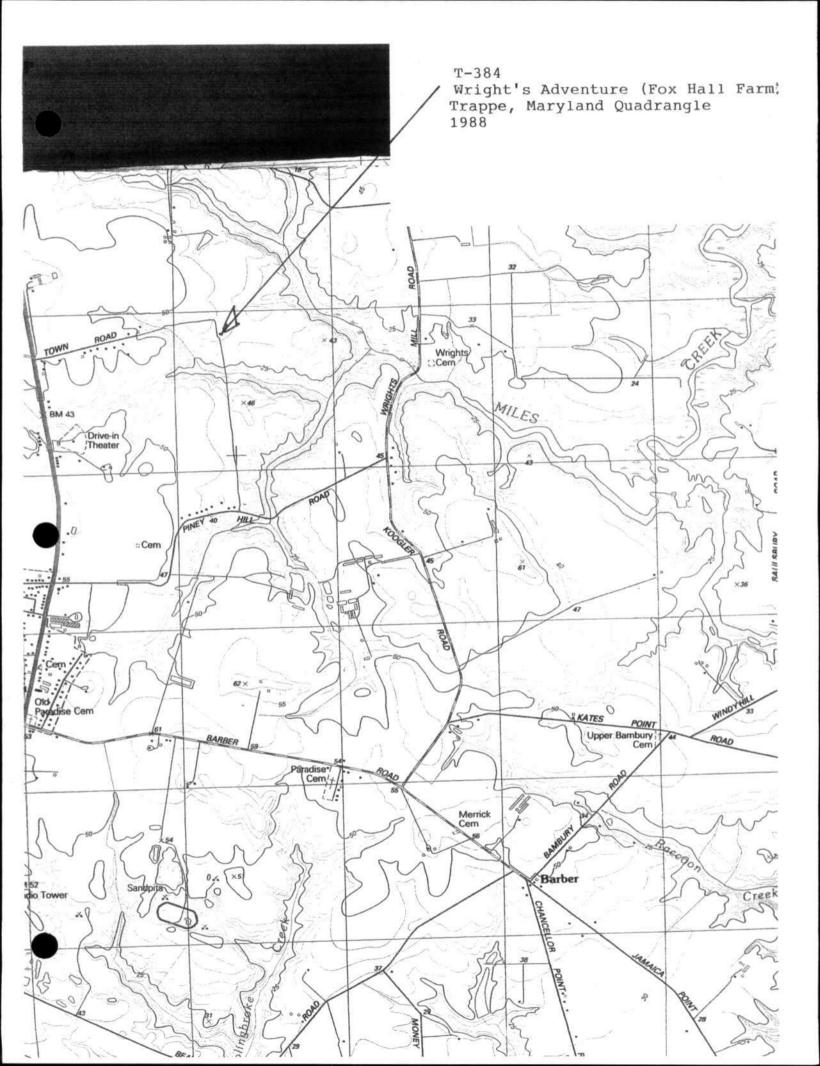
Wright's Adventure (Fox Hall Farm)

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The Wright's Adventure farmhouse follows the common two-story, three-bay, single-pile center hall plan house form, a type of residence built in large numbers across the Eastern Shore of Maryland during the mid to late nineteenth century. Largely dating to the last decades of this period (1850-1900), these houses were executed in varying degrees of decorative detail. The Wright's Adventure house is a relatively plain example in comparison to others in Talbot county with the exterior decoration limited to a turned post porch. The interior is equally modest with decorative finishes limited to factory produced woodwork. The two-story service wing is also a common component of farmhouses of this period.

The Wright's Adventure farmhouse is ineligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places due to its plain, undistinguished architectural character. The ordinary nature of its architectural finishes links this farmhouse to hundreds of others of similar date in Talbot county leaving no basis to single out this house for recognition.

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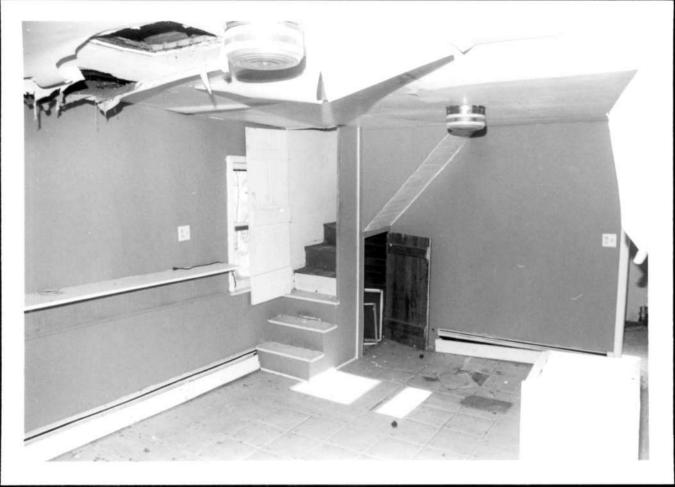
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T-384 Wright's Adventure Trappe vicinity Private

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The tract name "Wright's Adventure" has been associated with 238 acres of this farm since the mid nineteenth century, and was named most likely during the ownership of Gibson W. Wright or perhaps his daughter, Mary Wright Newnam. Father and daughter held title to the land continuously between 1854 and 1883. Alexander B.

Newnan (sic), Mary's husband, is designated at this site on the Trappe district map of the Lake, Griffing and Stevenson Atlas, published in 1877. Due to the late nineteenth century architectural features the two-story farmhouse could have been erected at the end of the Wright-Newnam ownership or perhaps just after during the period when Robert R. Butler held title, a tenure that stretched from 1883 to 1918. During the Butler ownership the house and farm were rented or leased for tenancy since the main Butler residence was the old Jenkins house on the White Marsh farm.

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historic	Wright's Adventure					
other	Fox Hall Farm					
2. Location						
street and number	29701 B	acktown Road				not for publication
city, town	Trappe				х	vicinity
county	Talbot					
3. Owner of F	roperty	(give names and maili	ng addresses of	all owners)		
name	c/o Hilda	Jane Groves				
street and number	4148 Ma	in Street		te	lephone	
city, town	Trappe		state Ma	ryland	zip code	21673-1869
4. Location o	f Legal D	escription				
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courthouse, registry	of deeds, etc.	Talbot County Clerk	of Court	liber 601	folio 2	235
city, town 5. Primary Lo	Easton o	f Additional Da	55 ta	liber 601 tax parcel 44		number 115011
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7. Description

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Condition

_	excellent	deteriorated
Х	good	ruins
	fair	altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Wright's Adventure, more commonly known as the Fox Hall farm, is located at 29701 Backtown Road on the east side of Trappe in Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay, single-pile frame house, located at the end of a long farm lane, faces south with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis. The house is joined on the site by a frame wellhouse and a dilapidated frame storage shed.

The two-story, three-bay, center hall plan frame dwelling is supported on a brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with aluminum siding over plain weatherboards. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the east gable end is a contemporaneous two-story, two-bay frame service wing. The wellhouse stands southeast of the house, while the storage shed is located to the northeast.

The south (main) elevation of the main block is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The four-panel front door is topped by a two-light transom. Most of the first story is sheltered by a single-story hip roofed porch supported on turned porch posts. A concrete floor underpins the porch posts. The second story is defined by three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice sheathed with aluminum.

The west gable end is a blind wall sheathed with aluminum siding over plain weatherboards. The edge of the roof has an extended eave with returns. An interior end brick stove chimney rises through the gable end.

The north (rear) wall is a three-bay façade with a center four-panel door flanked by two-over-two sash windows. The second story is defined by three two-over-two sash with the center window positioned slightly lower than the outer windows. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice.

The east gable end of the main block is largely covered by the two-story service wing, which is slightly shorter in elevation with the roofline reaching the underside of the extended eave. An interior end brick stove chimney rises through the gable end of the main block. The north and south sides of the service wing are pierced by a combination of two-over-two sash and replacement single-pane sash. The edge of the roof is finished like the main block with boxed cornices and an extended eave with returns. Rising against the gable end is an exterior single-flue brick stack. Attached to the gable end is a single-story shed addition.

The interior is finished in a plain manner with decorative limited to Victorian mantels in the downstairs parlor and dining room. Plain pilasters support a plain frieze under a curved mantel shelf. The entire interior was not seen. The kitchen survives with a corner enclosed staircase fitted with a board-and-batten door.

The wellhouse is a small two-room frame structure with roof extension on its south side that shelters the well. The roof is supported by pealed cedar posts. The wellhouse is supported on a poured concrete foundation, and the exterior is sheathed with aluminum siding. The wellhouse is covered by a medium pitched gable roof of asphalt shingles. Standing northeast of the house is a single story shed roofed frame storage building with vertical plank walls. The building is in poor condition.

Signific	cance			Inventory No. T-384
Period	Areas of Significance	Check and j	ustify below	
1600-1699 1700-1799 x 1800-1899 1900-1999 2000-	agriculture archeology x architecture art commerce communications community planning conservation	economics education engineering entertainment/ recreation ethnic heritage exploration/ settlement	health/medicine industry invention landscape architecture law literature maritime history military	performing arts philosophy politics/government religion science social history transportation other:
Specific dates			Architect/Builder	Th.
Construction d	ates			
Evaluation for:				
National Register		N	flaryland Register	xnot evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The Wright's Adventure farm dwelling follows the two-story, three-bay, single-pile, center hall plan house form, a type of residence built in large numbers across the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Largely dating from last decades of the nineteenth century, these houses were executed with varying degrees of decorative detail. The Wright's Adventure house is relatively plain in comparison to other examples with exterior detail limited to the turned post porch. The interior is equally modest with decorative finishes limited to factory-produced Victorian mantels. The two-story service wing is a common type of addition for the period. Due to the plain, undistinguished nature of the Wright's Adventure farmhouse, it does not qualify for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The tract name "Wright's Adventure" has been associated with 238 acres of this farm since the mid to late nineteenth century, and was most likely named during the ownership of Gibson W. Wright or his daughter Mary Wright Newnam, who held title to this land continuously between 1854 and 1883. Alexander B. Newnan (sic), Mary's husband, is designated on this site on the Trappe district map of the 1877 atlas. A. B. Newnan is found also in the atlas patron list as a farmer owning 240 acres. Three years after the publication of the atlas the family was listed in the 1880 United States. Alexander, aged 44, was grouped with Mary E., aged 36, son John, aged 19 and 13-year old Carrie E. Newnam. Due to the late nineteenth-century features of the two-story, three-bay frame house, it could have been at the end of the Wright-Newnam ownership or perhaps just after during the period when Robert R. Butler held title, which stretched from 1883 to 1918. During the Butler tenure the house and farm was rented or leased for tenancy since the main Butler residence was the old Clark house on the White Marshes

¹ Talbot County Land Records, STH 65/421-23, 26 April 1854; 95/472, 27 February 1883. The name Wright's Adventure is first cited in the 1883 land transfer.

² John L. Graham, ed. The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Wicomico County Bicentennial Committee, 1976, p.

³ Tenth Census of the United States, Talbot County population schedule, transcribed and printed by Helen E. Seymour, 1997, p. 132.

⁴ Talbot County Land Records, JFT 95/473, 27 February 1883; 178/402, 1 June 1918.

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White Marshes farm.⁵ In fact, at the time of the 1883 transfer the deed stated the farm was "formerly the property of Alexander B. Newnam and lately the occupancy of Charles E. Robinson.⁶ In more recent times the property was part of the land held by the Defender Packing Company and most recently Fox Hall, Inc.⁷

Graham, p. 97.

⁷ Talbot County Land Record, 601/235, 14 June 1985.

⁶ Talbot County Land Record, JFT 95/473, 27 February 1883.

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Wright's Adventure (Fox Hall Farm) 29701 Backtown Road Trappe vicinity, Talbot County, Maryland Chain of title Map 55, Parcel 44

601/235

Defender Packing Company

to

6/14/1985

Fox Hall, Inc.

Tract One: 39 acres...being part of the land described in a deed from Charles B. Adams, et al. to Defender Packing Company, 2/26/1962, 376/586, property description mentions Backtown Road

Tract Two: Parcel 1: All those tracts or parcels of ground described in a deed from Robert R. Butler and Mary F. Butler to Anthony Adams, 6/1/1918, 178/402

Tract One: Wright's Adventure...located on the public road leading from Wright's Mill to Trappe containing 238 acres and at one time occupied by Charles E. Robinson, formerly the property of Alexander B. Newnam

Note: Chain follows the Wright's Adventure tract from here

178/402

Robert R. Butler and Mary F. Butler

to

6/1/1918

Anthony B. Adams

\$12,500 First Tract: Wright's Adventure 238 acres

Second Tract: 4 1/4 acres

Third Tract: 10 acres....being in or near a colored hamlet near the

the town of Trappe

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JFT 95/473

Charles H. Leonard

to

2/27/1883

Robert R. Butler

"Wright's Adventure" formerly the property of Alexander B. Newnam and lately the occupancy of Charles E. Robinson

238 acres

95/472

Robert R. Butler, trustee

to

2/27/1883

Charles H. Leonard

\$1,300 "Wright's Adventure" 238 acres

formerly the property of Alexander B. Newnam being the same lands and premises inherited by the said Mary E. Newnam as one of the heirs at law of her deceased father Gibson W. Wright for a part thereof, and the same conveyed to her the said Mary E. Newnam by deed from Delila W. Wright and others....and by deed from William Collins and wife, both of which conveyances are duly recorded

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77/349

Delila W. Wright and others

9/4/1871

Mary E. Newnam nee Mary E. Wright

98 acres together with the woodland containing 17 acres making the whole 115 acres as reference to a survey by Samuel Chamberlaine made under the direction of the said G. W. Wright on the 29 January 1864, as

by reference to said plat & certificate

Mortgage 79/336

Robert R. Butler, trustee

to

10/4/1873

Mary E. Newnam and Alexander B. Newnam

\$1,000....all that farm and premises on which we now reside and which the said Mary E. Newnam became possessed of in the division of the real estate of her deceased father Gibson W. Wright, and also all that parcel of land

purchased by them from William Collins

Mortgage 79/35

William Collins

to

2/7/1873

Mary E. Newnam and Alexander B. Newnam

\$3,000....purchase of two tracts of land, \$1,000 left on balance of purchase price

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STH 67/447-48

Solomon Mullikin and Mary E. Mullikin, Peter Cooper and Eliza Jane, and Perry Potts and Eliza J.

to

3/28/1857

Gibson W. Wright

\$12....the free and undisturbed right of way with full privilege of ingress and egress at any time on a new road laid down one perch wide and running from a stone set in the ground on the North side of County road from Trappe to Wright's Mill and at a corner of Eliza Jane Cooper's lot, North two degrees West to the south line of Mr. Wright's ...?... farm.

STH 65/421-23

Solomon Mullikin and Mary E. Mullikin

to

4/26/1854

Gibson W. Wright

\$500...."Bowdle Farm" property description mentions Gibson Wright's mill pond......98 acres

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65/418

Charles H. Bowdle & Adeline hiw wife, Alexander Bowdle & Emily his wife, Loftus W. Bowdle, Mary Boyles, Henry Bishop & Eliza his wife (formerly Eliza Bowdle) of the City of Baltimore

to

3/11/1854

Solomon Mullikin, Jr.

\$100....certain parcel of land lying and being near the Village of Trappe and adjoining the lands of James Bartlett, Jr., Gibson Wright, William Collins, Eliza J. Chaplain, Solomon Mullikin, Jr. and William N. Mullikin

...description recited in a deed from Jno Stevens and other trustees of Jno Leeds Kerr, dec'd, executed January 1854

65/352

John Stevens and Tench Tilghman, Trustees of Estate of John Leeds Kerr

to

2/7/1854

Charles H. Bowdle, Alexander Bowdle, Loftus W. Bowdle, Mary Boyles and Eliza Bishop

Whereas the said Loftus Bowdle now dec'd purchased from the said John Leeds Kerr a certain parcel of land in Talbot County and near the Village of Trappe and said Kerr bound himself by Indenture of Agreement, 8/1/1821, to convey lands to said Bowdle...and Whereas the said Bowdle and Kerr having both died before the payment of said purchase money and interest and the said Kerr having his Last Will and Testament constituted and appointed the said Stevens and Tilghman Together with John Bozman Kerr and James E. Barroll his executors and Trustees for the full and complete settlement of his estate (James E. Barroll declined to act as one of the said Trustees or Executors)

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JL 38/311

John Connolly Mullikin, farmer

to

5/22/1816

John Leeds Kerr

\$1,200... "Mullikin's Choice," "Timber Neck," and "Timber Neck Addition," "York Taylors Ridge," "Yorks Destruction," "Yorks Distinction," ... and be the quantity therein contained what it may..."

1798 Federal Direct Tax Assessment, Bolingbroke Hundred, Dwelling Houses.

Owner and Occupant/John C. Mullikin-1 Dwelling Ho[use], 1 story Brick 44 by 18, 2 windows 40 by 24 Ins Each,
2 Dor[man]ts 40 by 24, 260 Dollars, 1 Kitchen Framed, 28 by 16, 40 Dollars,
1 Meat House Log'd 8 by 8, 5 Dollars; 1 Fowle Ho[use] 10 by 10 Log'd, no
value; with 1 acre thereto situate near Abbott's Mill House & lot

Part Timber Neck

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Graham, John L. ed. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, 1976. 1798 Federal Direct Tax Assessment, Talbot County, Microfilm at the Talbot County Free Library. Talbot County Land Records, various volumes, Talbot County Courthouse, Easton.

10. Geographical Da	graphical Data			
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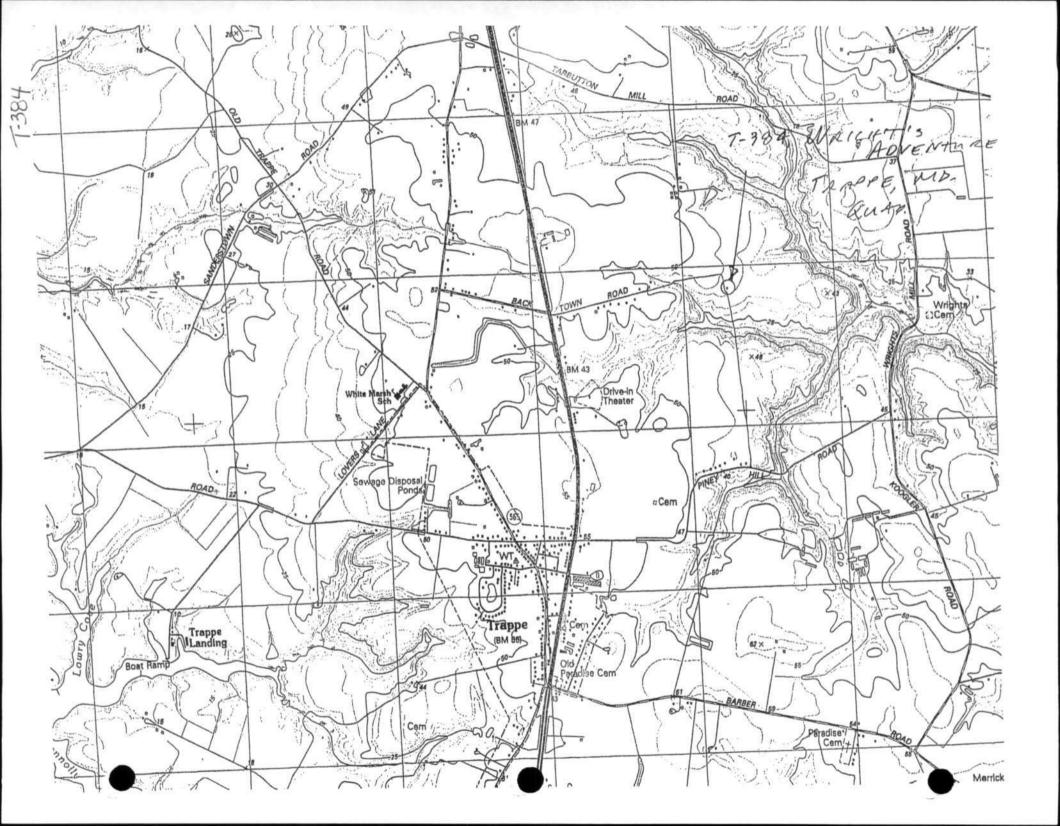
11. Form Prepared by					
name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian				
organization	Private Consultant	date	11/25/2001		
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094		
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871		

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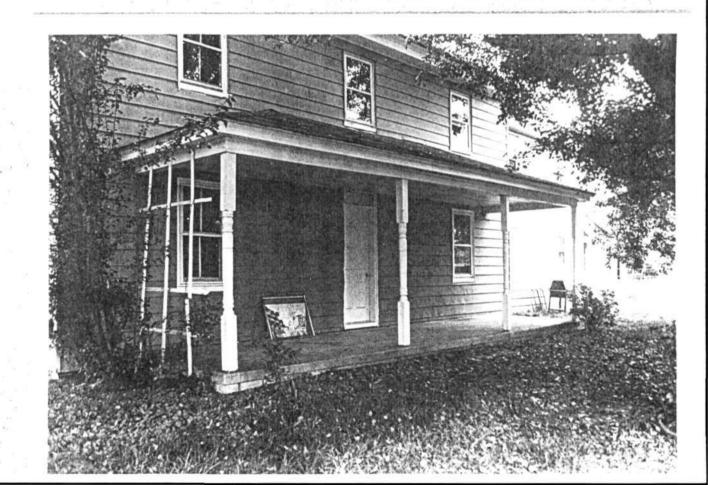
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SOUTH ELEVATION

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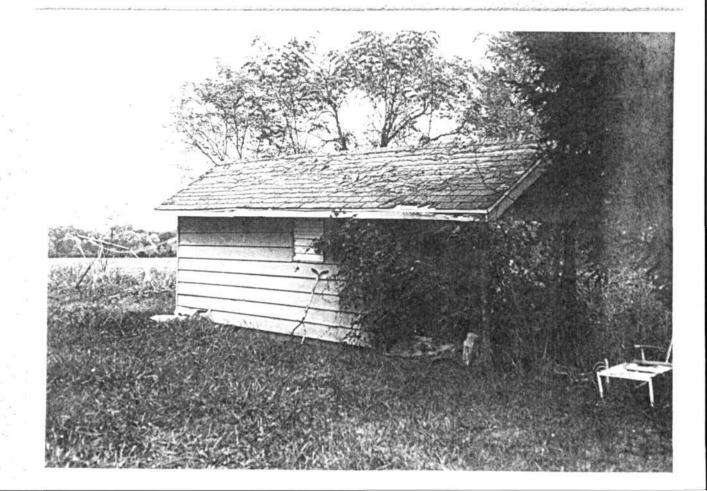
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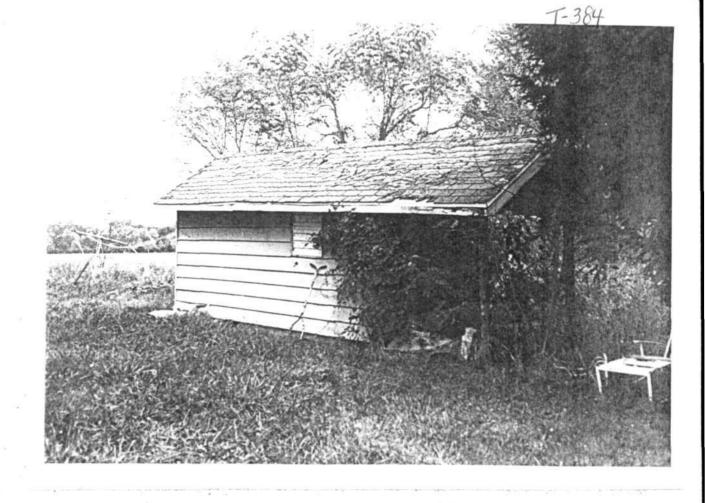
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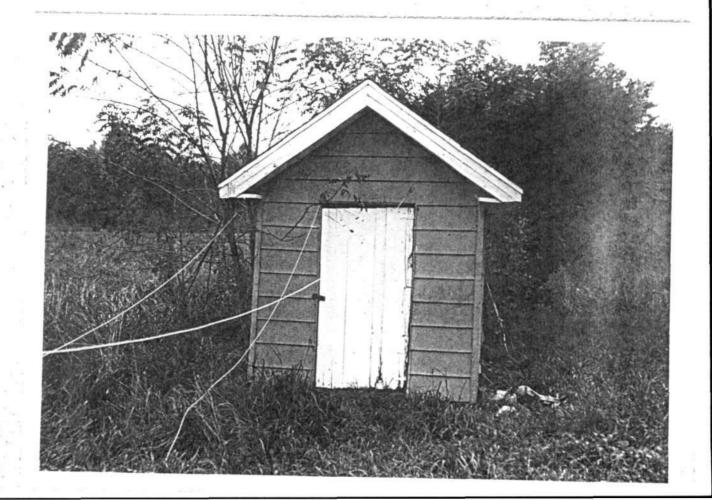
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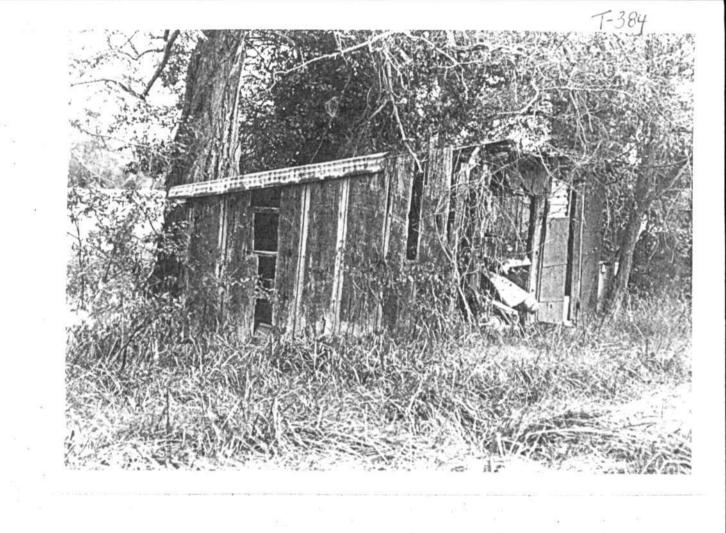
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WRIGHT'S ADVENTURE
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SITED-SOUTHURS ESTA-ON
11/12, TALL TOURS, JOSEPHINE
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